

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Whitmore

Chester J. — Represented Hopello County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Jan 1869 Burlington, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

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3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1896 he was admitted to the Missouri bar; in 1900 admitted to the Iowa bar and admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1913

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____ Organizations

5. Sessions served 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th General Assemblies 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State He was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association,

C. National Member member of the American Bar Association and American Society of International Law

7. Death 4 Dec 1943 San Francisco, California; buried San Francisco, California

8. Children Robert D.; Kenneth; step-son Frank Hood

9. Names of parents Jessie Schuy and Maria (Woodland) Whitmore

10. Education _____

11. Degrees Attended Lake Forest University in Illinois and Chicago Law College receiving a Bachelor of Law degree

12. Other applicable information Republican

He practiced law in Chicago until 1900 when he was admitted to the Iowa bar to practice law in Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

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- Senate Journal 1945, p. 1094-1095



Portrait
W H I T M O R E,
~~CHESTER~~
Chester W.

STATE OF IOWA
1945

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OF THE
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Convened January 8, 1945
Adjourned April 12, 1945

ROBERT D. BLUE, Governor
KENNETH A. EVANS, President of the Senate
HAROLD FELTON, Speaker of the House

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ninth and Fiftieth General Assemblies. He was a capable, conscientious and honest citizen and his death is a great loss to the citizens of his state and his community. His unswerving loyalty to his country, his fidelity to duty, and his faithfulness to every public and private trust, was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Pelzer the state mourns the loss of an honored citizen, a man of strong and excellent character, a public servant of the highest type, and that by this resolution the Senate of Iowa extends its sympathy to his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Journal of the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly of Iowa, and that enrolled copies thereof be transmitted to the members of his family.

ED. S. WHITE,
DE VERE WATSON,
AI MILLER,
RALPH E. BENSON,
O. N. HULTMAN,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CHESTER W. WHITMORE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Chester W. Whitmore of Ottumwa, begs leave to submit the following:

Chester W. Whitmore was born in Burlington, Iowa, January 11, 1869. He attended Lake Forest University in Illinois and the Chicago Law College, receiving a Bachelor of Law degree. He also was affiliated with the Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity.

In 1896 he was admitted to the Illinois bar and practiced law in Chicago until 1900, when he was admitted to practice in Iowa and immediately established a law office in Ottumwa, Iowa. He also was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1913.

In politics he was a Republican and took an active and responsible place in the party of his choice. He was elected Senator in 1914, representing Wapello county in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa. He also served for four years in Company G, 54th Regiment of the Iowa National Guard.

Senator Whitmore, shortly before his death, retired from the practice of law and sold his law office in Ottumwa, Iowa, preparatory to retiring in California. He died on December 4, 1943, in San Francisco, California, four days after his arrival there from his home in Ottumwa, Iowa.

He is survived by his widow; by two sons, Lt. Hobart Whitmore of the U. S. Army, and Kenneth Whitmore, and a step-son, Frank Hook, besides one sister and one brother.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General

Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Whitmore this state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service, and the Senate of Iowa by this resolution extends to the family of Chester W. Whitmore its deepest sympathy.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

ELMER K. BEKMAN,
ALDEN L. DOUD,
J. R. BARKLEY,
LUKE VITTETOE,
T. H. KLEIN,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

B. C. WHITEHILL

Senator B. C. Whitehill of the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, passed away January 8, 1945, the opening day of the Fifty-first General Assembly, while in Des Moines in the performance of his duty as a legislator.

Senator Whitehill was a veteran lawmaker, having served many years in the Iowa Senate, and his colleagues in the Senate had shown their appreciation and esteem by selecting him as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, which office he would have filled but for his passing.

In his passing the state has lost a faithful and efficient servant and statesman and each member of the Senate has lost a valued and esteemed friend and co-worker.

Be It Therefore Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That we extend to the widow and family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in their loss and bereavement, and

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate transmit to Mrs. B. C. Whitehill a copy of such Journal and a regularly engrossed copy of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee of three to represent the Senate at the funeral services, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint six members of the Senate to act as honorary pallbearers at the funeral of Senator Whitehill.

A. J. SHAW,
LEO ELTHON,
J. BERG,

Committee.

Following the introduction of the above resolution, Senator Hill, on behalf of the Senate, expressed the sympathy and regrets of the members in the sudden and untimely death of Senator Whitehill, which remarks were by unanimous consent printed in the Senate Journal:

Outline of Personal History of

Senator C. W. Whitmore

Rep. Senator 13 Dist.

RESIDENCE

Ottumwa Iowa

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

- 1. Name in full (all names)..... Chester W. Whitmore
- 2. Chief occupation or profession..... Lawyer
- 3. Former occupation or profession.....
- 4. Date and place of beginning each.....
- 5. Present residence address..... Ottumwa
- 6. Present business address.....
- 7. Date of birth.....
- 8. Place of birth..... Burlington Ia.
- 9. If born abroad, where.....
- 10. Emigrated to America, when.....
- 11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America..... Lived in Iowa most of my life
- 12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county.....
- 13. Further emigration, if any.....
- 14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university..... Chicago College of Law Lake Forest Ill.
- 15. Date of graduation and degree if any.....

16. *Place of death*
17. *Date of death*
18. *Place of burial*
19. *Name of father in full (all names)* *Francis Whitmore*
20. *Occupation of father*
21. *Full Maiden name of mother (all names)* *Maria Treelane Whitmore*
22. *Residence when married* *Brooklyn New York*
23. *Military service, if any (exact dates)*
24. *Political offices (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)*
25. *Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions*
26. *Politics*
27. *Religious denomination if any*
28. *Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination*
29. *Member of what societies or associations of learning*
30. *Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates*
31. *Member of what clubs if any*
32. *Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)*
33. *Officer or director in any corporation*
34. *Enclose business card if possible*
35. *Enclose photograph and autograph*

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Historical Department of Iowa

(FOUNDED BY CHARLES ALDRICH)

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

Des Moines,

Oct. 19, 1914.

My dear Mr. Whitmore:

As yet I have not received your biographical outline, almost imperative for me to have before November 1st in order to supply indispensable data to the office of Secretary of State.

If for any reason you do not wish us to permanently preserve full biographical information, I trust you will at once give me at least the information called for below.

Sincerely,

Hon. Chester W. Whitmore,
Ottumwa, Iowa.



What is your age? 45 Born at Burlington, Iowa, 1869

How long have you lived in Iowa? Most of my life

What is your occupation? Lawyer

For what are you a candidate? State Senator

On what ticket are you nominated? Republican

What is the number of your district? 13th

What is your post office? Ottumwa

Father Francis S. Whitmore; mother Maria Vreeland Whitmore, both of Brooklyn, New York. Am a graduate of Chicago College of Law, of Lake Forest

University, in law and post graduate courses, with degree B.L. 1896.
Admitted to Supreme Court of Illinois in 1896, to Supreme Court of Iowa
1900, to Supreme Court of United States 1913. Member of Congregational
Church, Iowa State Bar Association, American Bar Association, American
Society of International Law. Married; two children

Chetw Whitmore

Churchill. Standing, left to right, Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of U. S. air forces ficer; Adm. Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, chief of British naval staff; P. wirephoto from 12th' air force)

Long-Time Residents Of Ottumwa Are Dead

**Oma
Row**

Grant Myers, Veteran Repair Shop Operator, Succumbs Saturday.

Grant Myers, 79, a resident of Ottumwa for more than 50 years and well-known repair shop operator here, died at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Ottumwa hospital.

He had been the victim of two recent accidents in both of which he had been seriously injured. The latter of these two accidents was on October 14 when he was struck by a bicycle. His ankle was fractured in this mishap and he had been a patient in Ottumwa hospital since that time.

He was born July 17, 1864, at Indianola, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. Kenneth Murphy, and a granddaughter, Linda Ann Murphy of Ottumwa. He is also survived by a brother in Orange Park, Fla., and was preceded in death by his wife and by one son, Ralph Myers. He was a member of the First Congregational church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday from the Lester Jay funeral home, in charge of the Rev. Edward Day, pastor of the First Congregational church. Burial will be in Ottumwa cemetery.

75 Burned As Gas Truck Blows Up

FT. MYERS, FLA. (P) Seventy-five persons were injured when a truck loaded with 5,000 gallons of aviation fuel exploded here yesterday, spraying them with blazing gasoline.

The gas-laden truck blew up with a tremendous roar and sent a sheet of flames towering 400 feet into the air five minutes after its collision with another truck had attracted a crowd of spectators.

C. W. Whitmore, Re- tired Lawyer, Former Senator, Dies In West.

Chester W. Whitmore, 74, retired Ottumwa lawyer, died suddenly Saturday night in San Francisco, where he had gone earlier in the week to make his home. Although he had been in failing health, his condition had not been considered serious.

Death occurred in the home of Mrs. Whitmore's son, Frank Hook, just four days after Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore arrived on the west coast.

Funeral services and burial will be at San Francisco Tuesday.

Mr. Whitmore was born January 11, 1869, at Burlington. He attended Lake Forest university in Illinois and the Chicago Law college, receiving a bachelor of law degree. He also was affiliated with the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity.

In 1896 he was admitted to the Illinois bar and practiced law in Chicago until 1900 when he was admitted in Iowa and established a law office in Ottumwa. He also was admitted to the bar of the U. S. supreme court in 1913.

Mr. Whitmore served as state senator from Wapello county from 1915 to 1923.

He closed his law office and he and Mrs. Whitmore sold their home at 181 Vogel avenue within the last month before moving to California.

Survivors, in addition to the widow, are their son, Lt. Hobart Whitmore of the U. S. army, a son, Kenneth Whitmore, by a previous marriage; the stepson, Frank Hook of San Francisco; a sister, living in Los Angeles, and a brother in Florida.

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